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- Azetidinone derivatives.
- © 2-Azetidinone derivatives represented by the following formula



$$R^2$$
 N
 R^1

wherein X is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a hydroxyl group or a cyano group, t is 1 or 2, R¹ is a lower alkyl group, a cycloalkyl group, a 1-naphthylmethyl group, an

optionally substituted phenethyl group, an optionally substituted phenyl group, an optionally substituted benzyl group or a bis(alkoxycarbonyl)ethyl group, and R² is a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, an amino group, an adamantyl group, a lower alkoxycarbonylmethyl group or an optionally substituted phenyl group, are useful as blood platelet aggregation inhibiting agents.

AZETIDINONE DERIVATIVES

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. FIELD OF THE INVENTION

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The present invention relates to 2-azetidinone derivatives having blood platelet aggregation inhibiting activity.

2. DESCRIPTION OF THE PRIOR ART

Although some compounds having azetidinone skeleton which show antibacterial activity have been known in the past, any azetidinone derivative showing blood platelet aggregation inhibiting activity has not been yet reported.

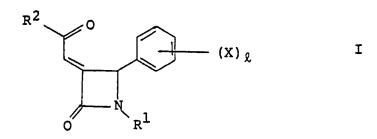
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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

As a result of earnest researches to blood platelet aggregation inhibiting activity of the compounds having an azetidinone skeleton, the present inventors have found novel 2-azetidinone derivatives having blood platelet aggregation inhibiting activity, and the present invention has been completed.

An object of the present invention is to provide 2-azetidinone derivatives represented by the general formula

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wherein X is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a hydroxyl group or a cyano group, I is 1 or 2, R1 is a lower alkyl group, a cycloalkyl group, a 1-naphthylmethyl group, a 1phenethyl group, 1-carboxy-2-phenethyl group, a group of the formula

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45 (wherein Y and Y' are the same or different and each is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a dimethylamino group, a carboxyl group, a dichloroacetyl group or a trifluoromethyl group, or Y and Y' together form a methylenedioxy group, and m is 0 or 1) or a group of the formula

(wherein R³ is a lower alkyl group), and R² is a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, an amino group, an adamantyl group, a lower alkoxycarbonylmethyl group, a group of the formula

(wherein Z is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a phenyl group or a nitro group, and n is 1 or 2).

Other object of the present invention is to provide blood platelet aggregation inhibiting agents containing the compound of formula I.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

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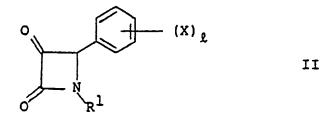
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In the present invention, the term "lower alkyl group" refers to straight or branched chain alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms such as, for example, a methyl group, an ethyl group, a propyl group, an isopropyl group, an isobutyl group, a tert-butyl group and the like. The term "cycloalkyl group" refers to a cyclopentyl group and a cyclohexyl group. The term "lower alkoxy group" refers to those having 1 to 3 carbon atoms such as, for example, a methoxy group, an ethoxy group, a propoxy group and the like. The term "halogen atom" refers to a fluorine atom, a chlorine atom, a bromine atom and an iodine atom. The term "lower alkoxycarbonylmethyl group" refers to those such as, for example, a methoxycarbonylmethyl group, an ethoxycarbonylmethyl group and the like.

Preferred compounds of formula I are those wherein X is a hydrogen atom, R¹ is a benzyl group or a chlorobenzyl group, and R² is a nitrophenyl group.

The compounds of the present invention can be easily prepared, for example, by a reaction (i.e., Wittig Reaction) of a compound represented by the general formula



wherein R1, X and L are as defined above, with a Wittig reagent represented by the general formula

$$\mathbb{R}^2$$
 $\mathbb{P}(C_6^{H_5})_3$

wherein R2 is as defined above.

Reaction solvents used in this reaction are those used in the ordinary Wittig Reaction such as, for example, benzene, ethyl ether, tetrahydrofuran, toluene, chloroform, methylene chloride, dimethoxyethane and the like. The reaction temperature is from -30°C to the temperature of the boiling point of the solvent used, preferably from 0°C to 30°C. The reaction time depends on the starting material, the Wittig reagent or the reaction temperature, but usually it is from 2 to 48 hours, and the reaction may be stopped after the disappearance of the starting material observed by using thin layer silica gel column chromatography.

Configuration of the oxyalkylidene substituent of especially useful compounds of the present invention is E-form, and the configuration due to the asymmetric carbon atom at the 4-configuration is dl-form.

Some of the compounds of formula II are known, and some are new and can be prepared by the methods described in the literature [e.g., Tetrahedron Letters, Vol. 25 (No. 42), page 4733 (1984)].

It is recognized that the compounds of the present invention have excellent blood platelet aggregation inhibiting activity and very poor bleeding tendency as side-effect, and therefore, they are useful as blood platelet aggregation inhibiting agents. For the purpose, these compounds can be administered orally or parenterally in a conventional dosage form such as tablets, powders, granules, capsules, solutions, emulsions, suspensions, injectional solutions and the like, each of which can be prepared by conventional pharmaceutical practices.

The dosage used as blood platelet aggregation inhibiting agents to human depends on the age, weight or response of patient, administration route or time of administration, but usually it may be from 10 to 3000 mg per day.

The LD_∞ of the compound of formula I in mouse is more than 5000 mg/kg.

Next, the following experiments illustrate concretely excellent blood platelet aggregation inhibiting activity and prolongation effect of bleeding time of the compound of the present invention.

5 Experiment 1 [invitro test in rabbit]

Citrated blood (one volume of 3.2% sodium citrate; 9 volumes of blood) was collected from carotid artery of male, New Zealand strain house rabbit, centrifuged at 150 g for 15 minutes to give platelet rich plasma (PRP) as a supernatant, and the remaining blood was centrifuged at 1500 g for 10 minutes to give platelet poor plasma (PPP) as a supernatant. The platelet count of PRP was adjusted to $50 - 60 \times 10^4 \mu l$ by dilution of PPP. Blood platelet aggregation was carried out according to the method of Born [Born, G.V.R., Nature, 194, 927 (1962)]. Namely, 25 μl of the test drug, (all the test drugs were dissolved in dimethyl sulfoxide and adjusted to the desired concentration with physiological saline solution), was added to 250 μl of PRP, and the mixture was incubated at 37°C for 3 minutes. 25 μl of the aggregation inducing substance [adenosine diphosphate (ADP); final concentration 5 μl or collagen: final concentration 5 μl measurement apparatus (Aggricoda TM-PA-3210, Kyoto Dai-ichi Kagaku) to obtain the maximum aggregation rate, and there was calculated the concentration of the test drug (IC $_{50}$) which brings about 50% inhibition to the maximum aggregation rate obtained by adding the aggregation inducing substance to PRP containing the solvent only.

The compound numbers in Table 1 correspond to those in the Examples described below.

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Table 1

	Compound No.	IC ₅	0 (x µM)	Compound No.	IC	(ми x) 0
10	NO.	ADP	Collagen	NO.	ADP	Collagen
	1	33	14	43	14.0	7.7
	2	28	32	44	10.3	7.3
15	- 4	13	16	45	4.4	5.2
75	5	24	23.5	52	7.9	-
	6	24	18	53	4.9	-
	7	12	23	54	. 11.2	15.5
20	8	9.2	13.6	55	10.5	8.3
	9	15	12	56	2.9	6.5
	10	36	26	67	27.7	11.0
25	11	>30	22	68	13.6	7.5
	12	5.6	4.7	75	3.8	5.4
	15	21.5	16.6	76	14.3	10.5
30	16	12.5	4.1	77	4.3	2.9
	17	7.7	5.0	78	6.2	8.3
	18	6.6	3.2	79	4.3	5.1
	21	30.9		80	7.4	10.9
35	22	41.3	-	81	-5.5	7.0
	24	6.4	-	85	17.7	14.4
	25	11.1	6.6	86	6.2	5.3
40	26	16.5	9.5	91	9.7	6.7
	29	9.0	8.1	92	7.3	6.5
	32	3.5	3.8	93	18.3	8.7
45	33	11.9	12.5	94	8.0	6.9
	34	8.2	6.6	95	15.4	2.5
	37	21.2	17.8	96	3.9	3.7
50	38	9.0	4.6	97	16.0	3.2
JU	39	>30	>30	98	11.2	8.8
	40	11.3	13.2	103	18.5	6.7
	41	4.2	5.1	papaverin	>100	>100
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Experiment 2 [prolonging test of the bleeding time in mouse]

Six male ICR strain mice weighing 20 g for each group were administered orally with 300 mg/kg of the test drug (all the test drugs were used in the form of the suspension in 0.5% CMC). Two hours after administration, 5 mm of the tail from the top was cut under pentobarbital anesthesia, and the bleeding was observed by tapping at the cutting site with a filter paper every 15 seconds. The time when the bleeding was observed stopping for one minute is defined as the arrest point of bleeding, and the duration required from the time when the cutting was done to the arrest point of bleeding is defined as the bleeding time. The observation was carried out up to 1200 seconds. Ticlopidine was used as a positive control.

The results were shown in Table 2. The compound numbers in Table 2 correspond to those in the Examples described below.

Table 2

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Compound No.	Bleeding time ± standard error
53	270.0 ± 54.08
56	277.5 ± 36.90
ticlopidine	1127.5 ± 72.50 (note)
the solvent	305.0 ± 77.23

(Note) P < 0.05 by Mann and Whitney's U test.

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The following Examples illustrate the method for preparing the compound of the present invention in more detail.

Example 1

Preparation of (E)-3-(2-oxopropylidene)-1,4-diphenyl-2-azetidinone (Compound 1)

To a solution of 0.67 g of acetylmethylene triphenylphosphorane in 70 ml of benzene was added at room temperature under a nitrogen atmosphere a solution of 0.50 g of 1,4-diphenyl-2,3-azetidinedione in 30 ml of benzene, and the mixture was stirred overnight. After completion of the reaction, the benzene was evaporated, and the residue was applied to silica gel column chromatography (eluent; methylene chloride). The desired fractions were combined, the solvent was evaporated, and the residue was recrystallized from ethanol to give the title compound as pale yellow needles. Yield 0.32 g, m.p. 157.5 - 158.5°C

Example 2

Following the similar procedure of that of Example 1, there were obtained the compounds 2 to 118, which were listed in Table 3 including the compound obtained in Example 1.

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55	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	5
				E	Table 3					
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Compound No.	(X) _g		Rl				R2		m.p. (°	(0°)
н	н		phenyl				methyl		157.5-158.5	58.5
2	Ħ		phenyl				ethyl		149-150.5	.5
ю	æ		pheny1				ethoxy		130.5-132.5	.32.5
4	Ħ		pheny1				phenyl		226-227	
Z.	н		phenyl				p-methy	p-methylphenyl	174-177	
9	н		phenyl				p-methc	p-methoxyphenyl	227.5-228.5	28.5
7	н		phenyl				o,p-dim phenyl	o,p-dimethoxy- phenyl	147.5-150	.50
æ	·H		phenyl				p-fluor	p-fluorophenyl	222-223	
6	H		phenyl				p-chlor	p-chlorophenyl	239.5-241	41
10	H		phenyl				p-bromophenyl	phenyl	250.5-256	26

- 5 10 15 20	3 (Cont'd)	p-biphenyl 250-250.5	p-nitrophenyl 235.5-236.5	amino 212-213	1-adamantyl 198.5-200	ethoxycarbonyl- 154.5-159.5 methyl	p-methoxyphenyl 142-144	p-fluorophenyl 140.4-141.9	p-nitrophenyl 199.5-200.4	p-fluorophenyl 188-189.5	p-nitrophenyl 300 or above	enyl p-methylphenyl 142-144	enyl p-methoxyphenyl 147-148.5	enyl p-fluorophenyl 172-174	enyl p-nitrophenyl 195-196	methul 149.5-151.5
35	Table 3 (C	phenyl	phenyl	phenyl	phenyl	phenyl	o-methylphenyl	o-methylphenyl	o-methylphenyl	2,6-dimethylphenyl	2,6-dimethylphenyl	o-methyl-p-chlorophenyl	o-methyl-p-chlorophenyl	o-methyl-p-chlorophenyl	o-methyl-p-chlorophenyl	2-methul-5-chloronhenul
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				Table	3 (Cont'd	_				
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26	Ħ		2-methy	2-methyl-5-chlorophenyl	cophenyl		phenyl		145-147	
27	Ħ		2-methy	2-methyl-5-chlorophenyl	cophenyl		p-fluorophenyl	phenyl	140-142	
28	Ħ		2-methy	2-methyl-5-chlorophenyl	cophenyl		p-nitrophenyl	henyl	195.5-197	_
29	E		p-fluorophenyl	opheny1			phenyl		206-208.	S.
30	ш		p-fluorophenyl	ophenyl			p-fluorophenyl	phenyl	211-213	
31	H		p-fluorophenyl	ophenyl			p-chlorophenyl	phenyl	221.5-224	
32	æ		p-fluorophenyl	ophenyl			p-nitrophenyl	henyl	204.5-207	_
33	H		o-fluorophenyl	ophenyl			p-fluorophenyl	phenyl	180.5-183	~
34	æ		o-fluorophenyl	ophenyl			p-nitrophenyl	henyl	219.7-221	_
35	æ		o-chlorophenyl	ophenyl			p-fluorophenyl	phenyl	146-147.5	10
36	H		o-chlorophenyl	opheny1			p-nitrophenyl	henyl	189-191	
37	Ħ		3,5-dic	3,5-dichlorophenyl	ıyı		p-fluorophenyl	phenyl	200.2-201	1.5
38	н		3,5-dic	3,5-dichlorophenyl	ıyı		p-nitrophenyl	henyl	206 (decomposition)	ion)
39	н		p-bromophenyl	phenyl			p-methoxyphenyl	yphenyl	208-209	
40	H		p-bromophenyl	phenyl			p-fluorophenyl	phenyl	211.5-213	~

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5 10 15 20 25	e 3 (Cont'd)	p-nitrophenyl, 222-224	71 p-nitrophenyl 219-221.2	hylphenyl phenyl 174-177	hylphenyl p-fluorophenyl 159.5-161	hylphenyl p-nitrophenyl 181.5-184	ophenyl p-nitrophenyl 168-170	lyl p-fluorophenyl 300 or above	ylphenyl p-fluorophenyl 180.5-183.5	ylphenyl p-nitrophenyl 190.5-192.5	methyl 76.5-78.5	phenyl 111.5-113.5	p-fluorophenyl 105-107.5	p-nitrophenyl 122-126	methyl 78-79	21-12 [:::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::
35	Table	p-bromophenyl	o-methoxyphenyl	<pre>m-trifluoromethylphenyl</pre>	<pre>m-trifluoromethylphenyl</pre>	m-trifluoromethylphenyl	p-dimethylaminophenyl	p-carboxylphenyl	p-dichloroacetylphenyl	p-dichloroacetylphenyl	benzyl	benzyl	benzyl	benzyl	o-chlorobenzyl	0-chlorobenaul
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5		113-115	127.5-130.5	250-255	88.5-91	127.5-130.5	124-127	125-126.5	199-202.5	126-128	208.5-211	240.5-242.5	143-144.2	157.2-158.6	133-135.5	178-180.5
10		113	127	25(88	12.	12,	12	19	12	20	24	14	15.	13	17
15		phenyl	phenyl	p-fluorophenyl	p-fluorophenyl	p-nitrophenyl		p-fluorophenyl	p-nitrophenyl	p-fluorophenyl	p-fluorophenyl	p-nitrophenyl	p-fluorophenyl	p-nitrophenyl	p-fluorophenyl	p-nitrophenyl
20		p-nitrophenyl	p-nitrophenyl	p-fluo	p-fluo	p-nitro	methyl	p-fluo	p-nitro	p-fluo	p-fluo	p-nitro	p-fluo	p-nitro	p-fluo	p-nitr
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30	Table 3 (Cont'd)	nzyl	thyl	1-carboxy-2-phenethyl						l,2-bis(methoxycarbonyl)- ethyl			enyl	enyl	ıenyl	ıenyl
. 35 40	.	o-chlorobenzyl	l (S)-phenethyl	1-carboxy-	propyl	propyl	cyclohexyl	cyclohexyl	cyclohexyl	l,2-bis(me ethyl	phenyl	phenyl	o-methylphenyl	o-methylphenyl	o-methylphenyl	o-methylphenyl
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55		26	57	58	59	09	61	62	63	64	9	99	29	89	69	70

55	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	5
				Table 3	3 (Cont'd)	=				
7.1	m-methoxy	_	phenyl				p-fluorophenyl	henyl	173.5-176.2	16.2
72	m-methoxy		phenyl				p-nitrophenyl	enyl	194.5-196.5	6.5
73	3,4-dimethoxy	hoxy	phenyl			٠	p-fluorophenyl	henyl	164.5-169	6.
74	3,4-dimethoxy	hoxy	phenyl				p-nitrophenyl	enyl	192-195	
75	p-hydroxy		phenyl				p-nitrophenyl	enyl	166.5-167.5	7.5
92	p-fluoro		phenyl			•	p-fluorophenyl	henyl	209.5-211	7
77	p-fluoro		phenyl				p-nitrophenyl	enyl	225-226	
78	p-fluoro		o-methylphenyl	phenyl			p-fluorophenyl	henyl	157-159.	S
79	p-fluoro		o-methylphenyl	phenyl			p-nitrophenyl	enyl	193-195.5	2
80	o-fluoro		phenyl				p-fluorophenyl	henyl	191.3-192.2	2.2
81	o-fluoro		phenyl				p-nitrophenyl	enyl	224.8-226.7	6.7
82	o-chloro		phenyl			-	p-fluorophenyl	henyl	213.5-216	9
83	p-chloro		o-methylphenyl	henyl		_	p-fluorophenyl	henyl	150-151.5	2
84	p-chloro		o-methylphenyl	phenyl		H	p-nitrophenyl	, [Aut	180-182	
85	p-bromo		o-methylphenyl	ohenyl		-	p-fluorophenyl	henyl	157.4-158.7	8.7

5		180-180.5	225-227	210-212	182.2-187.7	180.5-183.7	147-148	110-112	156.5-158.5	146.5-148.5	126-127.5	116-117	145-147	157.5-159.5	124-126	107.5-109
15		p-nitrophenyl	p-fluorophenyl	p-nitrophenyl	p-fluorophenyl	p-nitrophenyl	p-nitrophenyl	p-nitrophenyl	p-nitrophenyl	p-nitrophenyl	p-nitrophenyl	p-nitrophenyl	p-nitrophenyl	p-nitrophenyl	p-nitrophenyl	p-nitrophenyl
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			Table	3 (Cont'd)	Q				
101		m-meth	m-methoxybenzyl			p-nitrophenyl	nenyl	124-126	
102	н	3,4-me	thylenedi	3,4-methylenedioxybenzyl		p-nitrophenyl	nenyl	148-151	
103	11	2,4-die	2,4-dichlorobenzyl	ızyl		p-nitrophenyl	nenyl	86-96	
104	н	3,4-dic	3,4-dichlorobenzyl	ızyl		p-nitrophenyl	nenyl	145.5-148	æ
105	Ħ	1-naph	l-naphthylmethyl	Ę		p-nitrophenyl	nenyl	167.5-169	6
106	II	o-fluo	o-fluorobenzyl			p-fluorophenyl	phenyl	96-97.5	
107	н	m-meth	m-methoxybenzyl			p-fluorophenyl	oheny1	108-110.5	ហ
108	н	m-trif	m-trifluoromethylbenzyl	ylbenzyl		p-fluorophenyl	phenyl	100-102	
109	н	p-trif	p-trifluoromethylbenzyl	ylbenzyl		p-fluorophenyl	jhenyl	136-138	
110	н	3,4-dic	3,4-dichlorobenzyl	1271		p-fluorophenyl	oheny1	111-113	
111	o-methyl	benzyl				p-nitrophenyl	nenyl	111-114	
112	p-methoxy	benzyl				p-nitrophenyl	nenyl	127-128	
113	p-fluoro	benzyl				p-nitrophenyl	nenyl	118-120	
114	m-chloro	benzyl				p-nitrophenyl	nenyl	82-87	
115	p-fluoro	o-chlo	o-chlorobenzyl			p-nitrophenyl	nenyl	98.5-101.5	٠ د

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Claims

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1. 2-Azetidinone derivatives represented by the following formula

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wherein X is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a hydroxyl group or a cyano group, it is 1 or 2, R1 is a lower alkyl group, a cycloalkyl group, a 1-naphthylmethyl group, a 1phenethyl group, 1-carboxy-2-phenethyl group, a group of the formula

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(wherein Y and Y' are the same or different and each is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a dimethylamino group, a carboxyl group, a dichloroacetyl group or a trifluoromethyl group, or Y and Y' together form a methylenedioxy group, and m is 0 or 1) or a group of the formula

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(wherein R3 is a lower alkyl group), and R2 is a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, an amino group, an adamantyl group, a lower alkoxycarbonylmethyl group, or a group of the formula

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(wherein Z is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a phenyl group or a nitro group, and n is 1 or 2).

2. Blood platelet aggregation inhibiting agents containing 2-azetidinone derivatives represented by the general formula

$$\begin{pmatrix} R^2 & O & \\ & & \\ & & \\ O & & \\$$

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wherein X is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a hydroxyl group or a cyano group, I is 1 or 2, R¹ is a lower alkyl group, a cycloalkyl group, a 1-naphthylmethyl group, a 1-phenethyl group, 1-carboxy-2-phenethyl group, a group of the formula

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(wherein Y and Y' are the same or different and each is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a dimethylamino group, a carboxyl group, a dichloroacetyl group or a trifluoromethyl group, or Y and Y' together form a methylenedioxy group, and m is 0 or 1) or a group of the formula

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(wherein R^3 is a lower alkyl group), and R^2 is a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, an amino group, an adamantyl group, a lower alkoxycarbonylmethyl group, or a group of the formula

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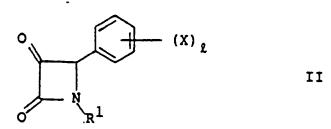
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(wherein Z is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a phenyl group or a nitro group, and n is 1 or 2).

- 3. A 2-azetidinone derivative according to Claim 1, wherein the oxyalkylidene substituent has the E
 - configuration.

 4. A 2-azetidinone derivative according to Claim 1 or Claim 3, wherein the configuration due to the asymmetric carbon atom at the 4-position is of the dl-form.
 - 5. A process for producing a 2-azetidinone derivative of the formula given and defined in Claim 1, which comprises reacting a compound of the formula

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wherein R1, X and 1 are as defined in Claim 1, with a Wittig reagent of the formula

$$\mathbb{R}^{2} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}(C_{6}H_{5})_{3}} \mathbb{III}$$

wherein R2 is as defined in Claim 1.

- 6. A 2-azetidinone derivative of the formula given and defined in Claim 1 for use as a pharmaceutical.
- 7. A 2-azetidinone derivative of the formula given and defined in Claim 1 for use as a blood platelet aggregation inhibiting agent.
- 8. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a 2-azetidinone derivative of the formula given and defined in Claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier.



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